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- Form PTO-1449 (1 page)
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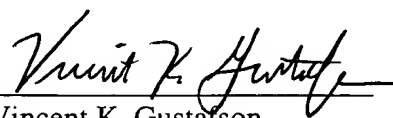
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	A1	6,537,506	3/25/03	Schwalbe, et al.	422	130	2/3/00
	A2	6,494,230	12/17/02	Chow	137	827	6/8/01
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	A6	5,698,299	12/16/97	Schmidt, et al.	428	209	5/9/95
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	B3	WO 99/65664	12/23/99	WIPO	B29C	59/04		
	B4	WO 99/60397	11/25/99	WIPO	G01N	33/483		
	B5	WO 99/29497	6/17/99	WIPO	B32B	3/00		
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	B7	WO 98/54941	12/3/98	WIPO	H05K	7/20		

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C1	McDonald, et al., <i>Fabrication of microfluidic systems in poly(dimethylsiloxane)</i> , "Electrophoresis," 2000, No. 21, Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH, 69451 Weinheim, 2000, pp. 27-40.	

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